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MIG-17 airframe factory and jet engine factory reported in Mukden:

A source of unknown reliability reported a jet engine factory and a MIG-17 fuselage factory in Mukden in June 1957. The jet engine factory was reportedly producing ten engines per month with some of the plant machinery idle.

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Comment: Although the Chinese Communists have previously claimed to have produced a jet engine, this is the first information locating the plant site. It is believed that most of the parts for these engines still must be fabricated in the Soviet Union, and assembled in the plant, which is probably located on the Mukden Southeast Airfield near the arsenal. This report tends substantiation to previous estimates that the Chinese would be engaged in jet engine assembly by 1956 or 1957.

The fuselage plant indicated is the large aircraft assembly plant located at Mukden North Airfield. It is estimated that the airframe plant will enter series production of MIG-17 aircraft in late 1957.

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